

Kurt Myer Believes His Trial Was Not Warranted

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HAGEN, West Germany (CP)—Maj.-Gen. Kurt (Panzer) Myer says he believes he should not have been tried or convicted by a Canadian Army court martial in 1945 of responsibility in the mass shooting of 18 Canadian prisoners of war.

He told a Canadian Press reporter that prisoners were shot by both sides during the Normandy invasion and that a commander should not be held responsible for the act by "stupid" persons under his command.

Myer commanded an armed division in Normandy which fought against the 2nd and 4th Canadian divisions.

Myer also said the British and Canadians could have ended the Second World War in 1944 if they had not allowed German armor to escape from the Falaise pocket.

He said he has a high regard for Canadian soldiers but not for their leadership.

"NO BITTERNESS"

Myer, released from prison two years ago after serving nine years as a convicted criminal, now sales manager of a brewery in Hagen, a city of 50,000 in the general area occupied by the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade group.

"I have no hate or bitterness for Canada," Myer said as he sipped German beer in the living room of his fourth-floor apartment. The apartment was comfortable but not luxurious.

Myer made beer sales to the brigade and when the 1st Brigade was in West Germany he was invited into Canadian officers' messes. When the 2nd Brigade took over last November, this was quietly stopped though Myer still meets and talks occasionally with Canadian officers elsewhere.

He is frank and laughs frequently. He looks less than his 45 years though he has arthritis in his arms and hands.

REST CURE DID IT

How he keeps looking so young, Myer said.

"It was the rest cure at chateau Dorchester." He served part of his sentence — he was originally sentenced to death — in the federal penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B.

The former Ellice Guard general said he has no plans to enter the new German Army. "I'm a happy civilian" — he was written to Poland to the end of his prison term and it will be published next month. It may be published in Canada later.

Myer was critical of Canadian Army generalship in Normandy. He said the only good general the Allies had on the second front in 1944 was Gen. George Patton, the late American tank commander.

He said Field Marshal Montgomery, Allied ground commander in Normandy, won battles only when he had a preponderance of steel.

"The Canadian leadership was not aggressive in its use of tanks and armor. The Canadians would advance a couple of miles and then stop. This gave me time to play my next move. If the British and Canadians had exploited properly in France, the war would have been finished in 1944."

RUSSIANS WOULD WIN

At first he was reluctant to discuss his trial and prison life — "you will read all about it in my book" — but finally said he feels he should not have been tried, let alone convicted.

"The German High Command," he said, "would not have permitted the trial of Allied officers if we had won the war."

As the interview progressed, Myer's wife and three of his five children — four daughters, one son — quietly entered and left the room.

Myer speaks good English, learned mainly at Dorchester. He talks forcibly.

His views on politics can perturb a person used to living in a country with a history of democracy.

"There is no one to give decisions," he said. "We move slowly. Nothing seems to get done. We should have European union now. If a war starts, the Russians will talk right over us."

Myer realizes he has been a controversial figure in Canada and keeps tabs on what is said about him.

"The Canadian politicians do not like me," he said with a smile.

A.B. Keckler of Whitman, Mass. was told that it was no use trying to fish where there were gravel washing operations. He bought a fishing license in Charlottetown, however, and caught a nice string of trout ranging up to 14 inches in water muddy from washing gravel near Iona. He noted that a party of four, fishing from the bank and from a boat, caught some 80 trout in the same muddy water.

Mr. Heckler also fished two other ponds of clear water on cloudy days with poor luck.



SEE!

Montague Student Is Awarded IODE War Memorial Bursary

A Montague High School student C. Roland Sullivan awarded the I. O. D. E. Bursary for the year 1955-56.

Roland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, Montague, P. E. I. The award is for \$1,600.00 donated by the I. O. D. E. Second War Memorial in World War Two. This award will be paid to the recipient at the rate of \$400.00 a year while attending any Canadian university. To be eligible for such award the applicant must be a child of a deceased or disabled veteran of World War Two and must also meet a high academic standing.

Roland is one of a family of ten, his father served with R. C. E. during World War Two and was injured while training at Camp Petawawa, losing his hand and one eye.

Rollie, as he is known to his friends, completed elementary education in the Memorial School and finished his grade twelve in the Montague High. He was always a conscientious student and his place on the High School hockey team will be hard to fill and his many friends and particularly his classmates wish him every success at St. Dunstan's University where he is enrolled as a student in general science.

It is interesting to note that Geraldine Sullivan, sister of Roland received this same award in 1953 and will obtain her B. Sc. degree from St. Dunstan's in 1957.

Three new directors were named at the annual meeting of the Kings County Potato Producers Association held at Bay Fortune last night. Clifford D. Townsend, Rollo Bay, was named for one year replacing Arthur McDonald, St. Peters. Elected for two-year terms were Louis Jenkins, Annandale, and Daniel McInnis, St. Peters.

Several members spoke on the desirability of getting new members for the organization and Rev. Donald Sharp, Souris, said that though it had started slowly it was necessary to keep the nucleus together to avoid confusion and maintain control of their market. Mr. Leslie Underhay suggested that the Government should take some action to try to better the freight rate situation for Island potato growers.



IN VANCOUVER

Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College in Vancouver attending the meetings of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

Exide-Willard Firms Merged

TORONTO (CP)—Exide Batteries of Canada Ltd. and Willard Storage Battery Company of Canada Ltd. have merged—effective Sept. 1—under the name of Electric Storage Battery Company (Canada) Ltd. It was announced on behalf of the companies Thursday.

Both companies are subsidiaries of Electric Storage Battery Company of Philadelphia.

PHOTOGRAPHER DIES

LONDON (AP)—Stirling M. Nahum, 49, who under the name of "Baron" became an official photographer for the Queen, died Wednesday.

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St. Mary's Convent At Souris Celebrates 75th Anniversary

About 350 alumnae and nearly 200 other guests gathered at Souris to celebrate the 75th anniversary of St. Mary's Convent. The alumnae reunion, was held August 2nd following the banquet at the Parish Hall, solemn Benediction was given at the church by the Reverend Edwin Steele assisted by Reverend Basil Croken and Reverend Pius Murnaghan.

At four o'clock the Right Reverend Monsignor J. A. Murphy blessed the statues of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Bernadette. They had been appropriately set where a new grotto is to be erected.

Pupils old and young accompanied by their friends then visited the Convent and reminisced of bygone days. After this they were ready for a delicious buffet tea.

The high-light of the evening was the Alumnae reunion in the Convent auditorium. Following a Duet by Joan Stewart and Anne Marie Gallant the Program opened with: A Retrospect: 1886-1966 by Mrs. Patrick St. John; 1906-1931 by Mrs. Adrian McInnis; 1931-1956 by Miss Claire Paquet.

Next on the programme was a tribute to the Senior Alumnae members after which the fifteen eldest who were presented were presented with a corsage by Miss Catherine Mooney.

Following this Miss Jeanette Peters called on the elder members of the Alumnae to regale the audience with reminiscences of their school days and of the years that followed. This was ably done by groups representing each quarter of a century. Sister Saint Hildebert, Sister Saint Christian of the Angels, Miss Margaret Deagle, Mrs. Bob Bradley.

All this was interspersed with choruses and songs. Helen Marie McCormack sang at the piano. Mrs. Frank Grady sang "Oft in the Silly Night" and "Duna". The Misses Patricia, Christine and Yvonne Cheverie sang "Whispering Hope" in two parts.

This lovely reunion closed with two favorites: "Till we meet again" and "Magnificat Inspired Word!"

1881-1906

It is my great honour and privilege to address you on this seventy-fifth anniversary, as a member of the class of 1882 of St. Mary's Convent, said Mrs. Patrick St. John.

The building of this Convent started in 1876, the Pastor being the late Reverend Donald Francis MacDonald of revered memory. The builder was Mr. John Whelan of Souris River. When the building was completed in 1881, His Excellency, the late Bishop Macbride, asked the good Sisters of Notre Dame to take charge.

Four Sisters arrived—Mother St. Cornelius as Superior, Mother St. Thomas, as Music teacher, Mother St. Margaret and Mother St. Eugene both as class teachers. On arrival they were met by the ladies of the Parish who gave them a cordial welcome and a supper was served in their honor.

Two weeks later—September 7th they opened this Convent School with an enrollment of 80 pupils. There were two classrooms. These rooms were heated by stoves, and without any of the conveniences of the present day.

Father MacDonald and the parishioners of Souris Parish were pleased and happy to have the Sisters of Notre Dame Order and this convent established in the then, Village of Souris.

Today we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the opening of this Convent School and now we have six class rooms, fully equipped with the most modern conveniences. This convent school is rated one of the finest in the Province.

A visitor to St. Mary's Convent in the year 1906 would find the exterior very similar to that of the present convent, with the exception of the main entrance extensions at the main entrance, said Mrs. Adrian McInnis. She would be greeted by the genial Mother Superior, St. Eulalia, and by her capable class teachers Sisters St. Eufrasia, St. Andronicus and St. Hombeline. But many of the modern conveniences, so familiar today, were missing. Electricity, telephone and water system were all introduced during this second quarter-century.

1918-1919 were years of significant events in the story of St. Mary's Convent. St. Eulalia, devoted Superior for 15 years, was recalled to Montreal and replaced by Mother St. Catherine. Fr. Ronald McDonald pastor for 17 years was forced to resign through ill-health. He had made many gifts to St. Mary's but the crowning one was the gift of the annex wing in 1918, his personal donation and most welcome addition to classroom space.

Among the native born priests who chose this chapel as the place of their first Mass were the late Monsignor Richard St. John, first native son of Souris, to be ordained. Fathers Fennelly and Ethelbert Mullaly and Fr. Edward Clinton. Among church dignitaries who offered Masses here were their Excellencies Bishop Louis O'Leary, Bishop Morrison of Antigonish, Archbishop Henry O'Leary of Edmonton and Archbishop Sinnott of Winnipeg.

In 1928 the highest dignitaries of church and state were visitors here when called included the Papal Delegates Most Rev. Andrea Gasulo and His Excellency Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada.

It was also during this period, in 1929, when St. Mary's Church was destroyed by fire and the convent hall served as parish church. The following year on September 7, 1930, the new church was opened.

1931-1936

With the foundation of St. Mary's established so solidly in its first half-century it was to be expected that the next 25 years leading to the Jubilee would show steady progress, said Miss Claire Paquet, R.N.

She spoke of the consecration of the altars and bell of the new church in 1931 and termed them a monument to the pastor, Monsignor McLean, who during his 13 years had showered the Convent with kindnesses. Miss Paquet told of the organization of St. Mary's Alumnae in 1934 with Mrs. Adrian McInnis as its first president and the holding of the Third Eucharistic Congress of the congregation that same year.

The great success of St. Mary's in providing solid education for its pupils was mentioned by the speaker in reviewing the record of students in Entrance lists and she also pointed to the many improvements to be noted in the chapel.

She, too, spoke of the eminent churchmen who visited the Convent during the period under review. Among them were Island Bishops, Bishop Nelligan, Bishop Turner, the Reverend Mother General of the Congregation and in 1947, the Primate of the Church of Canada. His Eminence James Cardinal MacGuigan, who said Mass in the Convent chapel.

Montague Gun Club Holds Second Shoot

The Montague Gun Club held its second skeet shoot at their recently established range which is located on the estate of the late Wm. Brennick on the Murray River Road.

The club was pleasantly surprised by a visit from five members of the Charlottetown Gun Club, who have been invaluable in assistance to the local club in becoming established.

Mr. Ron Atkinson who once again took the Island skeet championship this year demonstrated his technique in two rounds by making a perfect score each time.

The local members were very pleased with the number of interested gunners who turned out for the shoot, and they hope to establish regular nights for their competitions, Monday evening being the next date set.

Following are the results of the second meet out of a possible 25: First shoot: Ron Atkinson 25; Walter Carver 21; Kenny Clements 20; Bill MacDonald 20; Howard Douglas 10.

Second shoot: Ron Atkinson 25; Walter Carver 20; Ken Clements 20; Bill MacDonald 16; Howard Douglas 16.

Third Shoot: Gilbert Clements 11; Bud Ings 10; John White 10; John Yeo 10.

U.C. Presbytery Approves Calls, Welcomes Ministers

At the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4th, of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, the United Church of Canada, approval was given to the call extended by Trinity Church, Summerside, to Rev. C.R. Webber, Grace United Church, Dartmouth, N.S. It is expected that Mr. Webber will assume his work in Summerside on the first of November.

Mr. Webber has been minister of Grace Church, Dartmouth, for the past nine years.

Permission was also granted to Rev. Murray Gardner for change of Pastoral Relations to take effect the end of September. Mr. Gardner has served since 1954 on the Alberton Pastoral Charge, and has accepted a call to the Mahone Bay Pastoral Charge in the Lunenburg-Queens Presbytery.

The new chairman of Presbytery, Rev. S.H. Haslam of the Margate Pastoral Charge, conducted the sessions of the Court, and welcomed new ministers to the Presbytery. These included Revs. E. A. C. Haley, Cavendish, S. Grant Walls, North Bedeque, Heber Kean, O'Leary, M.K. Charman, Hampton, and B.V. MacLean, Mt. Stewart. The sessions were held in the Bedeque United Church.

Mr. Gordon Avar reported a 26 per cent increase in missionary giving to date this year—a total of over \$21,000 as compared with just over \$17,000 at this date last year.

Announcement was made of Evangelistic Missions to be held in Montague on October 20-28 with Rev. B. B. Snow, Newfoundland, as Missioner, and a summer side beginning on the 18th of November with Rev. R.W. Armstrong of Ottawa as missioner. These are to be sectional missions taking in the whole of the Presbytery. Announcement was also made of rallies in the interest of the Atlantic Christian Training Center to be held in Summerside the 27th of September and in Montague on the 28th of September. Both meetings are to be addressed by Rev. Robert McLaren, Principal of Naramata Training School, Naramata, B.C.

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ORWELL VERNON United Church Rev. John M. Sheen, minister. Cherry Valley 11 a.m., Vernon River 2:30 p.m., Eldon 7:30 p.m.

MOUNT STEWART United Church Rev. B.V. MacLean, B.A. Minister. Mt. Stewart, 11 a.m., Donaldson 2:30 p.m., Bristol 7:30 p.m. Rev. E.M.B. Wheelock of the Bible Society will give the address.

ST. PETER'S BAY Pastoral Charge Sunday, Sept. 9th Service Marie 11 a.m. St. Peter's 3 p.m., Greenwood 7:30 p.m., Conducted by Rev. Harry MacDougall of Shediac

ST. JOHN'S Presbyterian church Belfast. A special gospel song service will be held this Lord's day evening at 7:30 p.m. The Brooklyn trio, The Murray River trio and the Belfast male quartette will be heard in a number of gospel selections.

PARISH OF Georgetown Anglican Church of Canada, Holy Trinity Church, Sunday September 9th. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 11 a.m. Holy communion and sermon, Reverend W.G. Hogg, priest in charge.

VALLEYFIELD - Orwell congregation services for Sunday, September 9th. Belle River, 11:00 a.m., Anniversary service, Belle River, 7:30 p.m., Anniversary service, Special speaker at both services, Rev. Leonard Woolfrey, Special Music, Kilmuir, 3:00 p.m. Rev. F. MacKinnon.

MURRAY HARBOUR Murray River Pastoral Charge. The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday Sept. 9th. Murray River 11 a.m., Little Sands 3 p.m., Murray Harbour 7:30 p.m. Guest preacher at Murray Harbour and Murray River Rev. F. MacKinnon. Rev. L.S. Woolfrey, minister.

UNITED BAPTIST Church, Montague charge Sunday Sept. 9th. Montague 11 a.m. Sunday school 8:45 a.m. Murray River 3 p.m., Sturgeon 7:30 p.m. with song service at 7:15. Ordinance of the "Lord's Supper" at close of evening service. All are invited to fellowship with us at these services. Rev. AM Rogerson, Minister.

MATTHEWS FUNERAL — The funeral of the late H.G. Matthews, Souris, was held Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1956 from his late residence. The largely attended services at the home were conducted by the minister, the Rev. Donald A. Sharpe. Pall bearers were: Roy Crockett, John F. Chalson, Joseph J. MacDonald, Ernest Dugas, Theodore Ellis, and Frank MacKinnon. Interment was in the Union Cemetery, Souris, West.

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